

Arizona Reservation Ministries

Christmas Stockings

Instructions

All seams are ½ inch. Press fabrics as you go. There will be a cord run through the casing at the top of the cuff to tie the stocking into a bag.

Each stocking will consist of the following fabric pieces:

- 2 stocking pieces
- 1 contrasting cuff piece
- 1 cord, 1 yard long

Please refer to the pattern below for cutting the pieces.

1. Stitch the stocking pieces right sides together, leaving the top open. Clip if necessary and turn.
2. With right sides together, stitch cuff into a tube, leaving opening as marked. Top stitch seams flat.
3. Turn hem twice, ¼ inch each time, and top stitch. If you have a serger, serge hem, then turn once, ½ inch, and top stitch.
4. Stitch cuff onto stocking, right side of cuff to inside of stocking, seam of cuff to the back seam of the stocking. Turn cuff out and over right side of stocking (it should be right side out now, and the seam should be hidden inside the casing). Top stitch the cuff down to the stocking, just below the opening, so it makes a casing to run a cord through.
5. Tie the cord to a large safety pin and feed it through the casing and back out the opening. Tie knots in each end of the cord so it will not unravel, but DO NOT tie the two ends of the cord together. They will be tied together when the stocking is filled.
6. Pick up the next stocking and repeat!

A couple of tricks I found in my 2 years directing this project for my church:

- A workparty to cut out the stockings is a lot of fun, and it is easier to do the cutting assembly-line style, and have a lot of people helping. Even some of the men might get involved—ours did!
- Cutting the cuff fabric in long strips, sewing it together, then cutting the right length for cuffs works well and saves fabric. Just lay out the fabrics and use a rotary cutter, cutting across the width of the fabrics. You can do several layers at a time, and have someone on a sewing machine or serger putting them together right there.
- Bundle the stockings by 10's or 20's to be sewn by people at home, and hand them out in bags. Keep a record of who you gave them to, and when. And note when they return them, and how many they returned, if not all at once. This method worked best for us, but some groups have had success with big work parties, so do what works for you.

Thank you for helping with this project. Have fun, and may you be richly blessed by our Lord.

